

**Remarks/Arguments:**

The Applicant greatly appreciates the courtesy extended by Examiner Leung during a recent discussion about the above-identified patent application. In particular, the Applicant appreciates the guidance provided by Examiner Leung with respect to the pending rejection under Section 112, second paragraph. As the Applicant understands, the Examiner's Art Unit views emission control systems to be components separate and apart from an engine. Accordingly, in order to expedite prosecution and consistent with this direction provided by Examiner Leung, the Applicant has amended claims 9-19 to be directed to the emission control system, as opposed to an engine comprising a system. The Applicant has also added a "combination" claim, namely claim 34, which is directed to the combination of a lean burn engine and an emission control system.

Based on the indication by Examiner Leung that the current rejection of record would be overcome upon entry of the previously-filed amendment, the Applicant has requested such entry and believes that claims 9-19 and 21-35 are patentable. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests an indication of allowability of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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